Hurdles in the export of drugs

561. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is undue delay for issuing NOC for export of drugs;

(b) the number of such applications pending for more than two months as on date; the reasons for the delay and whether it is also a fact that it is causing delay and cancellation of export orders thereby damaging credibility of the exporters; and

(c) the steps being taken to streamline the process?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. NOC for manufacture of drugs for export, which otherwise are not approved for manufacture and marketing in the country, are mostly issued in 3 weeks time provided the application is complete in all respects.

No application accompanied with requisite information is pending for more than two months at present.

Institute like AIIMS during Prime Minister Swasthaya Yojana

†562. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up hospitals in the backward areas of the country on the line of All India Institute of Medical Sciences in the next three years under the Prime Minister Swasthaya Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the likely expenditure on the said work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (c) In order to correct regional imbalances in provision of specialist health care services as well as in specialized medical education. Government has decided in principle to set up six superspeciality hospitals on the pattern of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi under "Pradhanmantri Swasthaya Suraksha Yojana" at the following places:—

1. Patna (Bihar)
2. Bhubaneswar (Onssa)
3. Bhopal (Midhya Pradesh)

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